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In re the application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1746
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Application No. 09/687,747)	Atty. Docket No. LAM2P135.CIP
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For: EDGE ROLLER ASSEMBLY, METHOD) FOR CONTACTING AN EDGE OF A) SUBSTRATE, AND TRANSPORT SYSTEM) FOR TRANSPORTING SEMICONDUCTOR) WAFERS TO A WAFER PROCESSING) STATION)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the appropriate locations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Regarding the relevance of Reference L, which is in German, Applicants refer the Examiner to the English language abstract on the front page of this reference, and note that this reference was cited in an International Search Report in a related international application.

The fee of $180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached hereto. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P135.CIP).

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